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Washington State Taxable Retail Sales Increase 5.6% in Fourth Quarter 2012

OLYMPIA, WA – April 4, 2013 – Taxable retail sales increased 5.6 percent to \$29.5 billion during the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, the Washington State Department of Revenue reported today.

Retail trade, a subset of all sales that excludes non-retail sectors such as construction and services, rose 4.9 percent to \$14.0 billion.

Among major industries, construction was up 9.6 percent to \$4.7 billion, accommodations and food services increased 7.0 percent to \$3.1 billion, motor vehicles and parts rose 10.3 percent to \$2.9 billion, and general merchandise stores were up 1.3 percent to \$3.1 billion.

Results for the most populous counties:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
King	\$11.6 billion	6.6%	\$4.9 billion	5.3%
Pierce	\$3.0 billion	7.9%	\$1.6 billion	5.9%
Snohomish	\$2.8 billion	6.8%	\$1.6 billion	6.0%
Spokane	\$1.9 billion	3.1%	\$997 million	4.6%
Clark	\$1.2 billion	5.3%	\$564 million	4.8%

Results for cities with the most sales:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
Seattle	\$4.6 billion	6.8%	\$1.5 billion	4.1%
Bellevue	\$1.4 billion	5.7%	\$748 million	7.6%
Tacoma	\$1.1 billion	7.9%	\$565 million	4.2%
Spokane	\$1.1 billion	7.4%	\$523 million	5.6%
Vancouver	\$678 million	4.1%	\$316 million	3.6%

Taxable retail sales and retail trade by county and city, and a breakdown of sales statewide by industries are available at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/newsroom/2013/trs-q42012.aspx>
<http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/newsroom/2013/trs-q42012.aspx>.

Results for all counties and selected cities, including breakdowns of sales by industry sector, are available at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/2012/qbr412/default.aspx>.

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